

In the Drawings:

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In the Claims:

Please rewrite Claims 1-6, 10-15 and 19 as follows:

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-- 1. (**Amended**) An indexing system comprising:

a recognizer which recognizes words;

an indexing database; and


a translator which accepts textual input, having originated from said recognizer,
and which is adapted to improve the quality of said textual input for entry into said
indexing database, whereby errors produced by said recognizer and which are detrimental
to indexing performance are reduced, and wherein, immediately prior to reconfiguration,
said textual input appears as a feature-extracted transformation of at least one word
recognized by said recognizer.--

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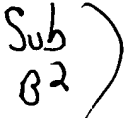

-- 2. (**Amended**) The system according to Claim 1, further comprising a feature
extractor which transforms words recognized by said recognizer into predetermined
textual features and which provides the textual features as the textual input into said
translator.--

-- 3. **(Amended)** The system according to Claim 2, wherein the textual features comprise morphs of words recognized by said recognizer.--

-- 4. **(Amended)** The system according to Claim 2, wherein the textual features comprise stems of words recognized by said recognizer.--

 -- 5. **(Amended)** The system according to Claim 1, wherein said recognizer is adapted to transform recognized words into predetermined textual features and provide the textual features as the textual input into said translator.--

-- 6. **(Amended)** The system according to Claim 1, wherein said recognizer is adapted to provide the textual input into said translator and said translator is adapted to transform the textual input into predetermined textual features prior to reconfiguration of the textual input for entry into said indexing database.--



-- 10. **(Amended)** A method of indexing, said method comprising the steps of:
providing an indexing database;
providing a recognizer which recognizes words; and
providing a translator which accepts textual input having originated from said recognizer;
said method further comprising the steps of:
with said recognizer, recognizing words; and

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with said translator, accepting textual input having originated from said recognizer, and improving the quality of said textual input for entry into said indexing database, whereby errors produced by said recognizer and which are detrimental to indexing performance are reduced, and wherein, immediately prior to reconfiguration, said textual input appears as a feature-extracted transformation of at least one word recognized by said recognizer.--

-- 11. (**Amended**) The method according to Claim 10, further comprising the steps of:

providing a feature extractor; and

with said feature extractor, transforming words recognized by said recognizer into predetermined textual features and providing the textual features as the textual input into said translator.--

--12. (**Amended**) The method according to Claim 11, wherein said step of transforming words into textual features comprises transforming words recognized by said recognizer into morphs.--

-- 13. (**Amended**) The method according to Claim 11, wherein said step of transforming words into textual features comprises transforming words recognized by said recognizer into stems.--

--14. (**Amended**) The method according to Claim 10, further comprising the step of:

with said recognizer, transforming recognized words into predetermined textual features and providing the textual features as the textual input into said translator.--

-- 15. (**Amended**) The method according to Claim 10, further comprising the steps of:

with said recognizer, providing the textual input into said translator; and

with said translator, transforming the textual input into predetermined textual features prior to said reconfiguring of the textual input for entry into said indexing database.--

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recognizing words; and

accepting textual input related to said recognized words, and improving the quality of said textual input for entry into an indexing database, whereby errors produced in said recognizing and which are detrimental to indexing performance are reduced, and wherein, immediately prior to reconfiguration, said textual input appears as a feature-extracted transformation of at least one word.--